

ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS DOWN 2 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

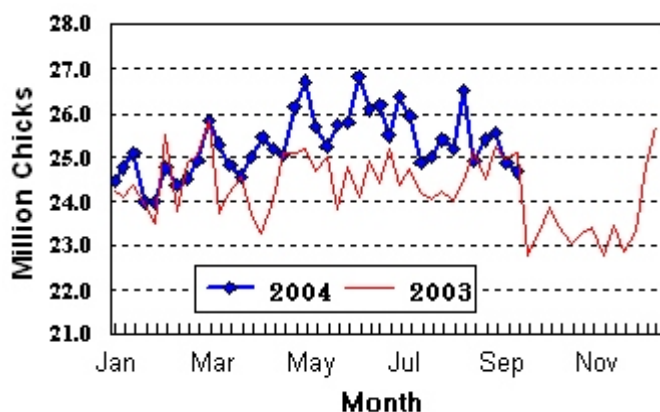
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 24.7 million during the week ending September 25, 2004. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week in 2003, and down 1 percent from the revised previous week, and included 2.6 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through September 25, 2004 were 986.8 million, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 26.2 million, up 3 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and up 1 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.8 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.5 percent.

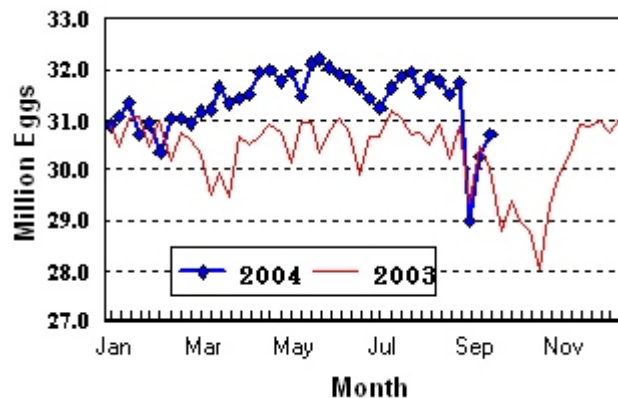
Arkansas hatcheries set 30.7 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending September 25, 2004, up 2 percent from the same period last year, and up 1 percent from the revised previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2003	2004	% Change	2003	2004	% Change	2003	2004	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Aug. 21	24,485	26,539	108	25,399	26,298	104	30,884	31,803	103
Aug. 28	25,172	24,919	99	25,387	25,982	102	30,223	31,540	104
Sep. 4	24,513	25,421	104	25,164	26,183	104	30,875	31,753	103
Sep. 11	25,253	25,536	101	25,531	26,208	103	29,368	28,990	99
Sep. 18	24,972	24,868	100	24,763	25,938	105	30,458	30,299	99
Sep. 25	25,128	24,656	98	25,337	26,187	103	30,013	30,749	102

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2003-2004



EGGS SET, 2003-2004



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2004

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	04-Sep	11-Sep	18-Sep	25-Sep		21-Aug	28-Aug	04-Sep	11-Sep	18-Sep	25-Sep	
Alabama	29,836 *	28,658	28,557	29,140	106	21,526	21,657	21,911	21,825	21,352	21,650	104
ARKANSAS	31,753	28,990	30,299 *	30,749	102	26,539	24,919	25,421	25,536	24,868 *	24,656	98
Delaware	3,628	3,546	3,250	3,551	102	4,912	5,369	4,897	4,719	5,096	4,813	100
Florida	1,339	1,339	1,349	1,359	99	1,467	1,313	1,182	1,359	1,298	1,226	74
Georgia	33,158 *	32,697	31,945 *	30,994	103	26,850	27,485	26,594	27,180	27,310	27,233	110
Kentucky	6,680	6,477	6,204	6,636	101	6,397	6,389	5,678	6,012	5,982	5,578	98
Louisiana	3,967	3,833	3,968 *	3,816	98	3,719	3,914	3,839	3,662	4,128 *	3,921	106
Maryland	8,762	7,893	7,872	8,587	102	6,119	5,468	5,858	6,020	5,557	5,718	106
Mississippi	19,340	18,472	18,176 *	18,308	105	17,179	17,055	17,576	17,194	16,260 *	17,108	108
N. Carolina	17,660 *	17,492	17,107	17,904	102	14,629	14,135	14,331	14,715	14,270	13,895	107
Oklahoma	6,443 *	6,530	6,517 *	5,782	102	5,038	4,693	4,857	5,021	6,720 *	5,744	126
Pennsylvania	3,877	3,637	3,632	3,854	110	2,875	2,747	2,830	2,894	2,887	2,872	106
S. Carolina	4,136	3,938	4,208	4,012	91	4,661	4,242	4,772	3,789	4,026	3,713	101
Texas	15,268	14,829	13,315	15,214	106	12,705	12,874	12,774	12,702	12,731	12,573	103
Virginia	6,205	6,620	5,839	6,245	98	5,209	5,483	5,408	5,401	5,518	5,061	95
CA,MO,TN,WV	17,188 *	17,298	15,431 *	15,441	101	15,892	17,457	16,302	16,164	14,942 *	15,774	114
Total 2004	209,240 *	202,249	197,669 *	201,592		175,717	175,200	174,230	174,193	172,945 *	171,535	
Total 2003	200,711	195,084	193,335	195,868		169,295	169,271	168,221	168,773	165,761	163,137	
%Prev. Year	104	104	102	103		104	104	104	103	104	105	
Approximate Marketing Date 2004.....						09-Oct	16-Oct	23-Oct	30-Oct	06-Nov	13-Nov	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 3 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 202 million eggs during the week ending September 25, 2004. This was up 3 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 5 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 172 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 25, 2004. Placements were up 5 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through September 25, 2004 were 6.73 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.